BY FURIER RYAN

t walk down the Valley of Slience. Down the dim, voiceless valley alone and I hear not the fall of a footstep Around me, save God's and my own And the hush of my heart is as holy As hours when angels have flown.

Long ago I was weary of voices, Whose music my heart could not win; Long ago I was weary of noises, That freited my soul with their din; Long ago I was weary of places. Where I met but the human and sin-

I walked through the world with the worldly
I crayed what the world never gave; And I said: "In the world each ideal, That shines like a star on life's wave. Is tossed on the shores of the Real,

And alcops like a dream in its grave." In the hush of the valley of silence I dream all the songs that I sing; And the music floats down the dim valley Till each finds a word for a wing, That to men, like the dove of the deluge,

The message of peace they may bring. But far on the deep there are billows That never shall break an the beach, And I have heard songs in the silence That never shall float into speech: I have droamed dreams in the valley Too lofty for language to reach.

Do you ask me the place of this valley, Ye hearts that are burdened by care? It lies far awar between mountains, And God and His angels are there: And one is the dark Mount of Sorrow, And one the bright Mountain of Prayer.

And still did I pine for the Perfect, Yet still found the false with the true; I sought mid the human for Heaven, But caught but a glimpse of the blue, And I wept when the clouds of the mortal

Velled even that glimpse from my view. And I tolled on, heart tired of human, And I mouned mighthe masses of men, Until I kneltf at the altar,

And heard a voice call me-since then I have walked down the Valley of Silence That is far beyond mortal ken. Do you ask what I found in this valley?

'Tis my trysting place with the Divine; For I fell at the feet of the Holy; And above me a voice said: "Be mine," And there rose from the depth of my spirit The echo: "My heart shall be thine,"

Do you ask how I live in this valley? I weep, and I dream, and I pray; But my tears are as sweet as the dewdrops That fall on the roses in May, And my prayer, like a perfume from sensers Ascendeth to God night and day,

SHERIDAN'S RIDE.

The True Story as Told By Mimself.

Referring to the peem of "Sheri dan's Ride," I asked the general if he had ever met the author.

"Yes," he replied; "I know him well. I first met him before the battle of Say!" Stone river. He was a guest at the headquarters of Gen. Roscrans, and staid with us a long time."

write it?"

it a great many times. There are a ha! ha! ha!-laughing, don't think I'm on Church St., 200 yards east of dopot number of stories floating around, but tight; I'm mad But say! old Jumping Johnson City, Tenn. Repairing done rumber of stories floating around, but light; I m made but say controlling at short notice.

I'll give you the true one, as Read Creek was too smart. Needed sometold it to me. James E. Murdock sug- thing to thin his blood, and he got it gested it."

"Murdock, the elecutionist?" "Yes; he was an actor dt one of the ha! ha!

Cincinnati theaters at the time, and great friend of mine. He lost a son at the battle of Missionary Ridge-Murdock did-and came down there to get the body. The enemy occupi ed the place where the boy was buried, and the old man remained there a guest at my headquarters. He used to ride the lines with me, and always used the black horse 'Rienzi,' that was came very fond of him. Things were very exciting down there, and Murdock saw a good deal of war. Sunto the troops around headquarters, and there was one poem of Browning's that was always called for. It was a great favorite with the soldiers and to my house!" he exclaimed. with me, and we never let him off. The young man was astonished. without reciting it for us. It was the ride from Ghent to Aix-you remem-said he, "I thought you would welber it.

"Well, after the battle of Cedar Creek there was published in Harper's der your teaching, she can soon over-Weekly a story of my ride from Win-come the difficulties of our uneven chester, and a picture of me on the black horse Rienzi. Murdock saw it that it was a good theme for a poem, she is!' Murdock had just seen an officer who was there, and gave him a description of the affair, and Read jumped at the gestures might frighten her." idea. He shut himself up in his room and wrote the poem that afternoon, ' had his wife make a copy, and sent it over to Murdock's house as soon as it was done, to see how he liked it. Murdock was very much pleased, and that night read the poem at the theater benewspapers, where I saw it for the first time."

manuscript?" "No; I never saw it."

"How did Read happen to paint the picture?"

"He did it on an order from the Union League club, of Philadelphia. They sent him down to New Orleans, where I was stationed, and I sat for stock in the largest laundry of the him there. He was going to Rome country," that fall, and could not finish it but made some sketches and then completed the picture at Rome. I never had a copy of the picture, but he afterwards gave me the sketches which I still have."

"Sandy Forsyth and Col. O'Keefe, of my staff. Forsyth is down in New Mexico now, Lieu. Col. of Fourth cayalry. O'Keefe was killed at the battle of Five Forks."

diamond pinger

you a yoke of steers,"

"What's he done?" "Say! I'm mad all over, bus I can't another opposite."-Ark. Traveler. help but-ha! ha! ha!-laugh at the way he gumfuzzled me half an hour ago. I'm a flat, I am! I'm rich pasture for cows! I'm turnips with a heap of green tops!"

"What's the story?"

"Well, I was over there under a wa gon, counting my money. I brought in \$18. I was wondering whether I'd \$2.00 per half dozen. Cabinet Size better keep it in my hind pocket or \$2.50 to \$3.00 per half dozen. Panel pin it inside my vest, when the little Size \$3.50 per half dozen. chap comes crawling under and says, partner, there's a wicked crowd around here. Put that money in your boot.'

"Struck me as a sensibleest thing I could do. It was in bills, and I pulled off my right boot and chucked 'em in. Say! d'ye see anything green in GUNS, SPORTING GOODS, FISHING TACKLE that?"

"Well, I hadn't walked around long gefore a chap comes up and remarks that he has \$5 to bet to a quarter that he can out jump me. Say, d'ye you know me?"

"Well, when I'm home I'm the tall umpist of Washtenaw county, I kin | Send orders or write for prices to ump higher and further than any thing, animal or human. I'm open to even bets day or night, and I go out and jump 'leven feet just to astonish the children. When that ere stranger offered sich odds I looked at his legs for a minute and remarked that I was VNASSM his huckleberry."

"I see." "Say! Up went the stakes, off cum my butes, and I out jumped him by KNOXVILLE, . . TENNESSEE three feet."

"And what?"

"And when I looked around for my butes that infernal horner with the sandy moustache had made off with the one the cash was in. Say!"

"Yes." "I live on Jumpin' Creek. I'm the creek myself. I'm called a dairy when I'm at home, and every time 1 trade hosses or swap shotguns or dogs I paralyze the other feller. I'm previous. I'm prussic acid. I'm razors.

"Yes." "If I kin lay hands on that chap I'll month, either. I have a full Stock make every bone crack. But it was a "Do you know how he happened to good one on me! Eh? Ever see it beaten? Played me fur a fool and hit me "Yes. I have heard him tell about the fust time. Say! If you see mefrom a chap who didn't seem to know putty from the band wagon! Say! Ha!

His Opposite.

Humiliation has come to the family of Prof. Gansing, the celebrated physiof Prof. Gansing, the celebrated physi-ologist. Several days ago, John Gan-sing, a young man of promise, married sides may be known. In the department of a Chinese woman. When the professor heard of the disgraceful affair, he the field has always been distinguished the fullness of its cable depatches. The n less fellow find shelter under the paafterwards called 'Winchester,' and be-came very fond of him. Things were the son came home, bringing his wife farmer will save many more than with him. Unobserved, they entered the parlor. When the old gentleman alone, concerning soil, eattle, crops, trees, buildings, gardening, pourtry and agricultural condays he always read and recited poems entered, not suspecting his son's return, he was shocked by an avalanche of indignation.

f indignation.

"How dare you bring this woman distinction in the state of the stat

"Father, I do not understand you," come my wife. She doesn't speak a department devoted to very good English at present, but un-

tongue." "Welcome your wife!" stormed the and took it up to Read, suggesting professor, "welcome such a thing as

"Don't be violent in manner. Ying Voo is a gentle creature and your "How on earth can you love such a

reature?" said the humiliated father. "Oh, I don't love her."

"Then why in thunder, sir, did you marry her!" "Old gentleman, there is no use in

cutting up. Respect for your teachtween the acts. So it got into the ings caused me to marry her. In your lectures, you say that a man should up stairs over R. J. Rankin's Store. marry his opposite. Some time ago I "It is said you have the original began reading accounts of Chinese Letter-heads, Bill-heads, Statements customs, and I found that they wers and Cards on hand. Give us a call. our opposites in everything. I have followed your advice."

> The professor groaned. "Besides that," continued the young man, "the parents of this girl died recently, leaving her the controlling

The professor's face brightened. "She has considerable money on hand. I have none. In this respect,

too we are opposites." The professor laughed.

"She has generously consented to "Who were companions on that pay off the mortgage on our place." The professor threw his arms around petent and best trained teachers. The the young wife and kissed her musk- teacher of music will be a lady of exmelon countenance. Releasing her, of culture both in vocal and instruhe turned to his son and said :

The Chinese are not half so yellow as Junior Collegiste they have been painted. I should Senior Music, with use of instrument The Jumpist From Jumping Creek. have married this sort of a girl-not "Say!" he called, as he walked across too opposite but just opposite enough term of 412 months, or \$2.00 for the the street, to a policeman vesterday at for all practical purposes. Your moththe circus grounds, "have you seen a er, my son, is my opposite. I married slim chap with a red moustache and a her because she was my opposite, and blast it, she has been opposite me ever July 26, 1884.

since. She is always opposed to me. "Web, I want to hunt him up. If You have done well. The Chinese you'll help me hunt him up I'll give who come to this country, I hear, are not long-lived. This fair creature may die soon. When she does, marry

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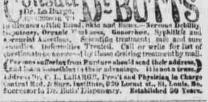
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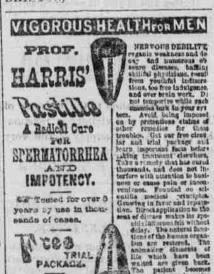
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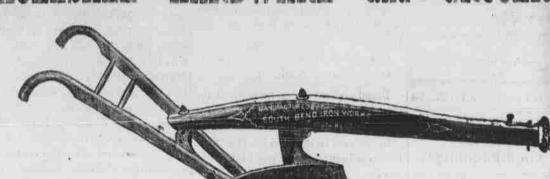
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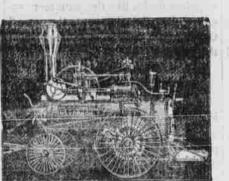


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